



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Dycus et al. Examiner: Michael Peffley
Serial No.: 10/848,773 Group: Art Unit 3739
Filed: May 19, 2004 Date: December 19, 2007
For: VESSEL SEALER AND DIVIDER

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- [] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- [] No additional fee is required.

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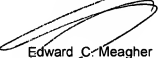
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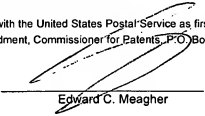
In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2007, reconsideration of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

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